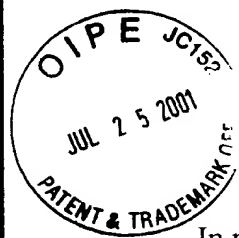


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**Preliminary Amendment**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 17 of the specification, please delete the paragraph that starts on line 21, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

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--The following microorganism was deposited on 19.01.2001 as a pure culture at the Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty:--

On page 23 of the specification, please delete the paragraph that starts on line 10, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

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--The following microorganism was deposited as a pure culture on 19.01.2001 at the Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty:--